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Schemes for PRIs
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds earmarked for Panchayati Raj System are being spent after converting small schemes into major schemes and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the funds earmarked for backward areas have not been utilized in some States, if so, the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether any target has been fixed for utilizing funds under the scheme in the districts identified for the purpose;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the measures taken by the Union Government to ensure utilization of funds allocated for Panchayati Raj Schemes?

Answer

(a) To strengthen the Panchayati Raj system, the funds are being released towards (i) Capacity Building (ii) Mission Mode Project on e-Panchayat, and (iii) Incentivisation of Panchayats during the current year. The new restructured scheme namely Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) will have the sub schemes of (i) Capacity Building (ii) Mission Mode Project on e-Panchayat, (iii) Incentivisation of Panchayats and (iv) ATM Services in Panchayat Bhawans.

(b) to (e): Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) was implementing the District Component of the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) in 272 identified backward districts of all the States except Goa during the period 2006-07 to 2014-15. The BRGF Programme has been delinked from budgetary support of the Central Government w.e.f. 2015-16. A statement showing State-wise cumulative releases made by MoPR and utilization reported by States since inception of the Programme is at Annexure-I. The States have been advised to utilise the funds under BRGF expeditiously. The implementation of programmes of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj are being closely monitored through progress reports and during the meetings with the officials of States/UTs.